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Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
400 Seventh Street SW
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Associate Administrator:

Pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573, Monaco Coach Corporation ("Monaco" or the "Company") is submitting this report to NHTSA concerning a safety recall campaign, which is being voluntarily initiated. Specific information is as follows:

573.5(c)(2)

Affected fifth wheels trailers manufactured by Monaco are yet to be determined.

The recall population will consist of 2005 and 2006 fifth wheels trailers with 16" chromium plated welded wheels manufactured by J.C. Auto Corporation ("JCA") and supplied to the Company by Tredit Tire & Wheel Company, Inc ("Tredit"). The exact recall population has not yet been identified, but it will be determined from the manufacturing records for the Company's manufacturing plants that produced the affected units.

573.5(c)(3)

Monaco is currently searching its records to compile for Tredit an accurate list of Monaco fifth wheels trailers that had the recalled 16' chromium plated welded wheels installed on them as original equipment. The Company will provide current owner information to Tredit for these affected fifth wheels.

573.5(c)(4)

Tredit has determined that all of the fifth wheels trailers in the recall population, yet to be determined, need to have the repair made.

573.5(c)(5)

Monaco has been informed by Tredit of a safety defect pertaining to 16" chromium plated welded wheels. Tredit has filed with NHTSA a Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report dated August 22, 2005 concerning this matter.

Per Tredit's 573 report: (i) "under certain circumstances, the wheels may break while in use. Tom Bowman of NHTSA ODI has been investigating this issue for 5th wheel trailer applications."; (ii) The cause of the defect is "poor weld quality and insufficient press fit between the rim and the disc."; (iii)

The consequence of the defect is “the center of the wheel could separate from the rim.”; and (iv) The warning which could precede an occurrence is “the wheel may wobble and cause momentary vibration or the mounted tire on the wheel could lose air causing the tire to go flat.”

573.5(c)(6)

Monaco was made aware of this defect by Tredit in September 2005 when the Company was advised that Tredit had initiated a voluntary recall campaign. Monaco is currently not aware of any casualties or losses related to this issue.

573.5(c)(8)

Per Tredit’s 573 report: “The remedy for the defect is the “replacement of the subject wheels with wheels of sufficient weld quality and press fit interference.” Tredit has informed Monaco that JCA has represented to Tredit that JCA no longer uses the China manufacturing plant that produced the 16” chromium plated welded wheels which are being recalled. Tredit will be conducting the recall campaign on behalf of the Company and submitting quarterly reports to NHTSA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Walter Lewis".

Walter Lewis
Recall Administrator
Monaco Coach Corporation